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SUBJECT: SPECIAL NAC MEETING JULY 18 ON CYPRUS

1. NAC MET AT 2200 JULY 18 UPON REQUEST OF GREEK AMBASSADOR CHORAFAS. CHORAFAS BEGAN BY STATING HE HAD RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM ATHENS IN THE LATER AFTERNOON AND WANTED TO CONVEY IT TO THE COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. CHORAFAS INFORMED COUNCIL THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO REPLACE GREEK OFFICERS CURRENTLY PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THIS REPLACEMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN STAGES AND WOULD BEGUN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. (FULL TEXT OF CHORAFAS STATEMENT TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.)
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2. DE STAERCKE (ACTING SYG) WELCOMED CHORAFAS STATEMENT WHICH HE NOTED SHOULD RELIEVE THE ATMOSPHERE. MENZIES(CANADA) ASKED IF CHORAFAS HAD NEWS OF ROTATION OF THE GREEK BATTALION. CHORAFAS REPLIED THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE NEWS SOON.

3. TULUMEN (TURKEY) ASKED CHORAFAS ABOUT REPORTS OF PLANES LANDING IN NICOSIA IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. HE ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY REINFORCEMENTS. CHORAFAS DENIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY.

4. DE STAERCKE SAID THE CHIEF INTEREST OF CHORAFAS STATEMENT WAS THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PUTSCH WOULD LEAVE CYPRUS. TULUMEN SAID TURKEY HAS GIVEN IMPORTANCE TO WITHDRAWAL. HE WOULD NOT KNOW HOW HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE GREEK ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPLACEMENT. LOGAN (UK) SAID HE CONSIDERED THE GREEK STATEMENT A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO CALLAGHAN'S NOTE (USNATO 3934), ENDORSED BY NAC WHICH SPOKE OF REPLACEMENT, NOT OF WITHDRAWAL. LOGAN SAID HE ASSUMED THAT THE STAGES OF THE REPLACEMENT WOULD BE OF SHORT DURATION. HE SAW THE GREEK DECISION AS A MOVE TO REDUCE TENSION IN THE AREA. DE STAERCKE SAID HE THOUGHT LOGAN WAS RIGHT IN SAYING THIS WAS A MEASURE WHICH REDUCES TENSION.

5. RUMSFELD (US) SAID HE THOUGH GREEK DECISION CAN BE REGARDED AS A STEP AIMED AT THE EASING OF TENSION. IT IS THEREFORE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE SYG AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE SOUGHT. RUMSFELD SAID HE HAD JUST MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO IN LONDON. SISCO HAD MET WITH UK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH SYG LUNS, AND PLANNED TO LEAVE IN THE MORNING FOR ATHENS.

6. RUMSFELD SAID THAT, LOOKING AT EVENTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS, WE CAN SEE SOME RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITY AND OF THE SYG'S URGING OF RESTRAINT. AT THIS POINT WE ARE SEEING A SITUATION WITH MULTIPLE CENTERS OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. HE SAID IT SEEMED THE GOAL WE ARE ALL SEEKING IS RESULTS. WE MIGHT THEREFORE FIND IT USEFUL TO PERMIT EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN MULTIPLE CENTERS OF ACTIVITY TO DEVELOP IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS. DE STAERCKE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT ALL WOULD AGREE WITH RUMSFELD.

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7. NAC AGREED THAT NATO SPOKESMAN WOULD ISSUE BRIEF STATEMENT SAYING THAT NAC HAD MET THIS EVENING. CHORAFAS AGREED THAT NATO SPOKESMAN WOULD RELEASE HIS STATEMENT TO THE PRESS. RUMSFELD

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